

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: George Kukolj, et al     )     Confirm. No.: 9062  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to a request by telephone from the Examiner on January 10, 2007. Applicants believe that an extension of time is not necessary. However, if it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicants hereby petition for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Supplemental Response, applicants hereby authorize that any fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page four (4) of this paper.